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**COSTS AGAINST CROWLEY**

**Judge and "Dreadful, Horrible  
and Blasphemous Stuff"**

**SEVERE COMMENT**

**"I Thought I Knew Every Form of Wickedness"**

"Never have I heard such dreadful, horrible, blasphemous, abominable stuff as that produced by a man describing himself as the greatest living poet."

These were the words used by Mr. Justice Swift in the King's Bench Division to-day when directing the jury after they had expressed a wish to stop the case brought by Mr. Aleister Crowley, the author, for alleged libel.

"I have been over forty years engaged in the administration of the law in one capacity or another. I thought that I knew of every conceivable form of wickedness. I thought that everything which was vicious and bad had been produced at one time or another before me. I have learnt in this case that we can always learn something more if we live long enough.

**CAT SACRIFICE**

The jury stopped the case and awarded a verdict to all defendants with costs.

Mr. Martin O'Connor, referring to Mr. Crowley's refusal to accept his challenges to try his magic in court, said it was appalling that "in this enlightened age a court should be investigating magic which is arch-humbug, practiced by arch-rogues to rob weak-minded people. I hope this action will end for all time the activities of this hypocritical rascal."

In further cross-examination to-day Mrs. Betty May Sedgwick adhered to her story of the sacrifice of a cat and the drinking of its blood by her third husband at Mr. Crowley's villa at Cefalù, Sicily

In a reference to Mrs. Sedgwick's book, *Tiger Woman*, pros-

ecuting counsel asked, "Are you 'Tiger Woman' " to which she replied, "Yes. Because I am rather feline in looks; I thought perhaps it was rather a good name for me."